

Boston Marathon 2014

Applications Available for Individuals and Charitable Organizations

The Boston Athletic Association ("BAA") makes invitational entries available to the towns along the route of the Boston Marathon. This is done as a way of thanking these communities for their coordination and cooperation during the Marathon. The 118th Boston Marathon will take place on Monday, April 21, 2014. The goal of the invitational entries is to allow these communities to raise funds for charities and good causes.

The year, the Board of Selectmen ("BOS") will be accepting applications from individuals committing to raise funds for a specific Wellesley charitable organization, and charitable organizations that wish to receive funds through the invitational entries. **For individual applications, preference will be given to Wellesley residents running for a charity that benefits Wellesley residents; for charitable organization applications, preference will be given to charities that benefit Wellesley residents. For those individuals who do not designate a specific charity, please state whether you are willing to raise funds for a charity selected by the BOS.**

A copy of the application may be obtained from the Town's website (www.wellesleyma.gov). Applications must be completed and returned to the BOS by noon on Friday, November 1, 2013. The BOS will review the applications and select the individuals and charity or charities that will be assigned numbers. In evaluating the applications, the BOS will review the mission and purpose of the charity, and the scope and number of people who benefit from the organization.

NOTE: Charitable organizations selected for receipt of invitational entries will be solely responsible for finding runners for the entries and collecting minimum fundraising requirement.

In the event that all numbers are not utilized through the above described procedures, the Board of Selectmen reserves the right to make alternative arrangements.

All applicants will be notified of whether they have been accepted on or before November 15, 2013. Runners who are selected must also submit an application to the BOS, pay an entry fee of \$325 and will be required to raise a minimum of \$4,000 for the charity.

Applications should be sent to and any questions directed to:

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Board of Selectmen' Office
Wellesley Town Hall
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Terms and Conditions

Invitational entries represent a small percentage of the overall field. If the maximum allocation of invitational entries is reached prior to the date the application is received in the Hopkinton office, it may not be accepted.

Athlete may not compete in a manner which, in the judgment of race officials, interferes with race operations or other participants.

Athlete must be able to complete the entire 26.2 mile course within six hours. Official timing and scoring is done by net time and ceases at 4:45 pm.

Invitational athletes will be assigned bib numbers based on the date their application is received. Starting corrals are assigned by bib numbers, beginning immediately behind the qualified runners.

Applications may not be transferred, sold, used for auction, or distributed in any similar manner.

If the athlete is unable to participate on April 21, 2014, the runner will **not** be eligible for a deferment.

The entrant must notify the BAA's registration office if the entrant to whom the invitational entry is distributed is mobility impaired, including competing with use of a handcycle, or in the wheelchair division for the event organization's planning purposes.

BAA Registration: If selected by the BOS, the runner will be required to complete a BAA application and pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$325.

Fundraising Requirement: A minimum fundraising commitment of \$4,000 is required to be accepted by the BOS. The \$4,000 minimum fundraising requirement is due on or before May 1, 2014. For individuals, funds will be paid directly to the charity. For charities, all administrative issues including collection of funds will be the sole responsibility of the charity. An individual may cancel participation and waive responsibility for the minimum fundraising requirement of \$4,000 on or before January 1, 2014. After January 1, 2014, the individual is

responsible for raising the minimum of \$4,000 even if, for any reason including injury, the runner is unable to run in the marathon. If an individual cancels participation after this date, his or her credit card will be charged the balance of the fundraising commitment.

Release and Contribution Agreement: If accepted, all individuals will be required to execute the following:

In consideration of my accepting this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights for claims and damages I may have against CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION, its employees, volunteers, officers and sponsors for any and all injuries suffered or sustained by me in said event, in the training and planning sessions for said event, or travel to or from any of the preceding. I further attest and certify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for competition in this event, and a licensed medical doctor has verified my physical condition.

I also grant permission for any use of my name and or photography or voice in broadcast, telecast, print or any other account of this event and agree to waive any compensation for such use.

I agree to collect a minimum of \$4,000 for CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION by May 1, 2014. If I have not reached the minimum in sponsorships by that date, I will personally be responsible for the balance owed. I understand that by giving my credit card information, CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION has permission to charge my credit card the balance owed on my commitment of \$4,000 on May 2, 2014. I declare that I have exercised my own judgment in executing this agreement, and I further declare that the decision to sign this agreement was voluntary and not based or influenced by any representative of CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.